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hydroxyalkyl group substituted with 1 to 6 halogen atoms; a C2-6 alkoxycarbonyl group; a 3phenyl-2-propenyloxycarbonyl group; a C2-6 alkoxycarbonyl C1-6 alkyl group; a di(C1-6 alkyl)amino C2-6 alkoxycarbonyl group; a C2-10 alkanoylamino group; a C2-6 alkanoylamino group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a benzoylamino group; a carbamoyl group; a carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C1-6 alkyl or phenyl groups; an N-(N',N'-di(C1-6 alkyl)amino C1-6 alkyl)carbamoyl group; a cyano group; a cyano C1-6 alkyl group; a C1-6 alkylsulfonyl group; a phenylsulfonyl group; a C1-6 alkylthio C1-6 alkyl group; a phenylsulfonyl C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio group wherein the benzene ring is substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms; a phenyl group; a benzyl group; a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of cyano groups, halogen atoms,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl groups, and  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy groups; a biphenyl group; an α-cyanobenzyl group; an α-cyanobenzyl group substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms; a benzyl group substituted with a bicyclo[2.2.1]-hcpt-5-en-2,3-dicarboxyimidyl group; a styryl group; a styryl group substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of C1-6 alkoxy groups and di(C1-6 alkyl)amino alkyl groups; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group; a piperidino group; a morpholino group; a pyridy/group; a pyrimidinyl group; a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C1-6 alkyl groups and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy groups; a phthalimidoyl group; a phthalimidoyl group substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms; an N-carbazolyl group; a dioxopiperidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C1-6 alkyl groups; a phenylsulfonylamino group; a phenylsulfonylamino group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups; a C1-6 alkylaminosulfonyl C1-6 alkyl group; a thiadiazolyl group; an oxadiazolyl group; an oxadiazolyl group substituted with a substituted phenyl group wherein the substituents in the substituted phenyl group are I to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen

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pyrazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms,  $\grave{C}_{k6}$  alkyl groups, and trifluoromethyl groups; a furyl group; a furyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C1-6 alkyl groups, and C2-6 alkoxycarbonyl groups; a thienopyrimidinylthio group; a thienopyrimidinylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 C1-6 alkyl groups; a thienopyridylthio group; a thienopyridylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 C<sub>No</sub> alkyl groups; a benzothiazolylthio group; a benzothiazolylthio group substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms; a group represented by the formula: -Y-(CR<sup>61</sup>R<sup>62</sup>)<sub>m</sub>-(CR<sup>63</sup>R<sup>64</sup>)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>77</sup> [wherein Y represents an oxygen or sulfur atom; R<sup>61</sup>, R<sup>62</sup>, R<sup>63</sup>, and R<sup>64</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C1-1 alkyl group, or a trifluoromethyl group; R77 represents a halogen atom; a C3-8 cycloalkyl group; a C2-10 alkenyl group; a phenyl group; a phenyl group substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro groups, cyano groups, C1-6 alkyl groups, C1-6 alkoxy groups, C1-6 alkylthio groups, phenyl groups, phenoxy groups, phenethyl groups, C2-6 alkoxycarbonyl groups, and halogen atoms; a cyano group; a carboxyl group a C1-6 alkoxy group; a C1-6 hydroxyalkyl group; a C3.8 cycloalkoxy group; a C1-6 alkoxy group; a  $C_{1-6}$  alkylthio group; a  $C_{2-6}$  alkanoyloxy group; a  $C_{2-6}$  alkanoyloxy  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group; a phenoxy group; a phenylthio group; an N-(C1-6 alkyl)toluidino group; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group; a piperidino group; a morpholino group; a pyridyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a piperidino group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a pyridyl group

atoms, C1-6 alkyl groups, and C1-6 alkoxy groups; a pyrrolidinyl group; a pyrazolyl group; a

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substituted with a C1-6 alkoxy group; a pyrrolidin-1-yl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a

morpholino group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a morpholinyl group; a morpholinyl group

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substituted with a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group; a homomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholino group; a thio norpholino group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a piperazinyl group; a piperazin-1-yl group substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group at the 4-position; a homopiperidinyl group; a homopiperidinyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a pyridylthio group; a quinolyl group; a furyl group; an oxetanyl group; an oxolanyl group; a dioxolanyl group; a dioxolanyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; an oxanyl group; a dioxanyl group; a dioxanyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a benzodioxanyl group; a pyrrolidon-1-yl group; a pyrrolidinyl group; an N-(C1-6 alkyl)pyrrolidinyl group; a piperidinyl group; an N-(C1-6 alkyl)piperidinyl group; a pyrrolyl group; a thienyl group; a thiazolyl group; a thiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C1-6 alkyl groups; à 2,6-purindion-7-yl group substituted with at least one C1-6 alkyl group; a furfuryl group; a di(C1-6 alkyl)amino group; a C2-6 alkoxycarbonyl group; or a di(C1-6 alkyl)amino C1-6 alkoxy group; m is an integer of 1 to 6; and n is an integer of 0 to 6]; or a group represented by the formula: -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup> [wherein R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl group, a  $C_{2-6}$  alkanoyl group, an isoxazolyl group, an isoxazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C1-6 alkyl groups, a thiadiazolyl group, a thiadiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C1-6 alkyl groups, a thiazolyl group, a thiazolyl group substituted with 1 to 3  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl groups, a pyridyl group, a pyridyl group substituted with 1 to 3  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C1.6 alkyl groups, a pyrimidinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C1.6 alkoxy groups, a pyridazinyl group, a pyridazinyl group substituted with 1 to 3 C1-6 alkoxy groups, an indazolyl group, or a carbamoyl group mono- or di-substituted with C1-6 alkyl groups, or alternatively, taken together with the nitrogen

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atom to which they are bonded, form a 3,5- dioxopiperazin-1-yl group, a pyrrolidinyl group, a piperidino group, or a morpholino group], or alternatively,

the two groups adjacent to each other of R11 to R55, taken together with the benzene ring to which the are bonded, form a phthalimide ring; a phthalimide ring substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; an indole ring; an indane ring; an indazole ring; a benzotriazole ring; an S,Sdioxobenzothiophene ring; a 2,3-dihydroimidazo[2,1-b]benzothiazole ring; a dibenzofuran ring; a dibenzofuran ring substituted with a  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy group; a fluorene ring; a fluorene ring substituted with a halogen atom, a pyrene ring; a carbostyryl ring; a carbostyryl ring substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a naphthalene ring; a naphthalene ring substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of cyano groups, halogen atoms, nitro groups, and  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl groups; a 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene ring; a quinoline ring; a quinoline ring substituted with a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group; an isoquinoline ring; a 2-oxo— $\alpha$ -chromene ring; a 2-oxo— $\alpha$ -chromene ring substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of C1-6 alkyl groups, C1-6 alkoxy groups, and C1-6 alkoxy C1-6 alkyl groups; a cinnolin ring; a cinnolin ring substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a phthalazindione ring; a benzothiazol ring; a benzothiazol ring substituted with a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group; a benzodioxorane ring; and a benzobutyrolactone ring, and the remaining groups of R11 to R55 are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atôm, a C1-4 alkyl group, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a nitro group, or a halogen atom,

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

9. (Amended) The hydroxyformamidine derivative or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, according to Claim 8, wherein at least one of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> represents a group represented by the formula: -O-(CR<sup>61</sup>R<sup>62</sup>)<sub>m</sub>-(CR<sup>63</sup>R<sup>64</sup>)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>77</sup> [wherein R<sup>61</sup>, R<sup>62</sup>, R<sup>63</sup>, and R<sup>64</sup>

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are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C14 alkyl group, or a trifluoromethyl group; R<sup>77</sup> represents a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino group; a di(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)amino C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group; a piperidyl group; a piperidyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a piperidino group; a piperidino group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a pyridyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl group; a pyridyl group substituted with a  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy group; a pyridylthio group; a pyrrolidon-1-yl group; a pyrrolidinyl group; a pyrrolidinyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a pyrrolyl group; a thienyl group; a thiazolyl group; a morpholino group; a morpholino group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a morpholinyl group; a morpholinyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a homomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholino group; a thiomorpholino group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group; a thiomorpholinyl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group; a piperazinyl group; piperazin-1-yl group substituted with a C1-6 alkyl group at the 4-position; a homopiperidinyl group; or a homopiperidinyl group substituted with a C1.6 alkyl group; m is an integer of 1 to 6; and n is an integer of 0 to 6], and the remaining groups of R<sup>11</sup> to R<sup>55</sup> are identical or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C14 alkyl group, a C14 alkoxy group, a trifluoromethyl group, a nitro group, or a halogen atom.